

Amendments to Senate Bill No. 244  
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Requested by Senator Rick Laible

For the Senate Local Government Committee

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1. Title, line 4.

**Following:** "THE"

**Insert:** "POTENTIAL"

2. Title, line 5.

**Strike:** "TO" through "\$5,000"

3. Page 1, line 13.

**Strike:** "less" through "\$5,000"

**Insert:** "to exceed \$2,500"

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**SB 244—Sen. Dan Weinberg**

**Information from Robert Horne (1/27/07)**

**2006 Lakeshore Regulations Violation Summary/Whitefish Lake**

**Blanchard Lake**

- (2) - Removal of trees without permit
- (4) - Satellite Dish in Lakeshore Protection Zone
- (1) - Unpermitted Dock Installation

**Whitefish Lake**

- (1) - Concrete Walkway Installation
- (1) - Concrete Patio Installation
- (1) - Installation of dock w/o permit
- (2) - Installation of dock inconsistent with approved permits
- (1) - Construction of unauthorized appurtenances inconsistent with approved permit
- (1) - Heavy Equipment and Gravel Deposits
- (1) - Girdling/Skirting – Removal of bark on healthy trees for the purpose of causing them to die and eventually be removed---thus enhancing lake views
- (1) - Limbing of trees in excess of what is allowed by code
- (1) - Construction of deck, stairs, and arbor in lakeshore protection zone w/o lakeshore construction permit or building permit\*.
- (1) - Alteration of shoreline and beach area and subsequent addition to existing home, all within the lakeshore protection zone and w/o lakeshore permits\*\*.

\* Turned over to prosecutor; court action not yet filed.

\*\* Action taken in district court; settlement pending.

Note: In violation situations, the City's primary objective is compliance. The prosecutor has not asked that fines be levied mainly because with the statutory limit of \$500, it just was not worth the time and distraction from the compliance and abatement issues. However, if the fine could be as high as \$5,000 per offense, then the prosecutor could ask the judge to impose fines as well as requiring abatement of the violation. That combination would be a very strong deterrent to knowingly violating lakeshore protection regulations.